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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM UNIVERSAL STUDIOS

1. UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING ENTRY INTO KOREA OF MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN MAKING FILM FOR MORMON CHURCH IN KOREA. FILMING CREW ALREADY IN SEOUL AND PRODUCTION PENDING RELEASE FROM CUSTOMS OF EQUIPMENT. REPORTEDLY, CUSTOMS WILL NOT RELEASE UNTIL BANK OF AMERICA TURNS OVER \$25,000 IN CASH TO ROKG. UNIVERSAL HAS CABLED THAT AMOUNT TO SEOUL BRANCH OF BOA, AND WILLING TO PUT IN ESCROW OR POST BOND TO ENSURE THAT ALL EQUIPMENT WILL LEAVE KOREA FOLLOWING FILMING. HOWEVER, UNIVERSAL WILL NOT RELEASE CASH TO ROKG.

2. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE CONTACT DARRYLL KASS, PRODUCTION MANAGER, AT THE SEOUL HYATT REGENCY SATURDAY MORNING TO ASCERTAIN THE DETAILS AND PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE. DELAY IN BEGINNING PRODUCTION COSTLY TO UNIVERSAL. VANCE

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